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I believe that the government case against Microsoft was poorly construed and demonstrated a basic lack of understanding of modern software technology and the means of technological innovation. The case should be dropped or replaced with specific laws which govern agreements that require EXPLICIT exclusion of third party hardware or software. This could have been dealt with quite easily had Sun and Netscape not tried to do to Microsoft, through a very flawed and partisan legal system, what they could not do in the marketplace. Apart from which, the founder of Sun is IMHO a conceited bore.

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